

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: HARTMANN-3

In re Application of:)
ULRICH HARTMANN et al.)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2004/012373)
Int. Filing Date: November 2, 2004)
For: METHOD FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF RIBBON CABLE SYSTEMS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/012373, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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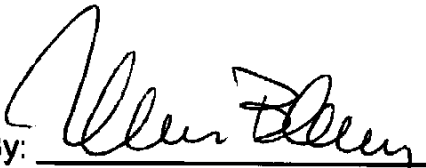
German Offenlegungsschrift DE 100 31 487 A1 describes a circuit connection arrangement for mounting in vehicle doors, such as for controlling the electric window drive mechanism which are generally mounted on the door blade (10) which is sealed by an internal cover plate, and incorporates flat circuit elements such as flexible printed circuit (FPCs), and to avoid problems such as excessive total space required for the standard circuit part, and excessive total length of the FPC etc.; a first FPC (22) is provided for the standard circuit unit (20), and a second FPC (32) for the optional circuit unit, the latter including a second circuit part for control of an optional electrical fitting.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 100 37 263 A1 describes a cabling device having a plug connector with terminals connected to the cable wiring harness fitted into a rectangular opening (11) in a termination block (12) formed integrally with an automobile door cladding panel (1), with 2 different flat circuits (4,6) used for connecting the termination block with 2 electrical devices mounted on the cladding panel, so that the latter are supplied when the plug connector is fitted into the termination block.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application
is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	DE 196 25 974 C	08-21-1997	Germany			no
	JP 07 156725 A	06-20-1995	Japan			abstract
	WO 92/05011	04-02-1992	PCT			yes
	DE 101 57 434 A1	06-13-2002	Germany			no
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	DE 197 12 266 A1	10-01-1998	Germany			no
	DE 197 32 224 A1	02-11-1999	Germany			no
	DE 100 31 487 A1	02-01-2001	Germany			no
	DE 100 37 263 A1	02-15-2001	Germany			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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